

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : RESOURCE ASSIGNMENT IN A DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir :

In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 29, 2008 (December 26, 2008 being a Federal holiday and December 27, 2008 being a Saturday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.  
**Remarks** begin on page 7.